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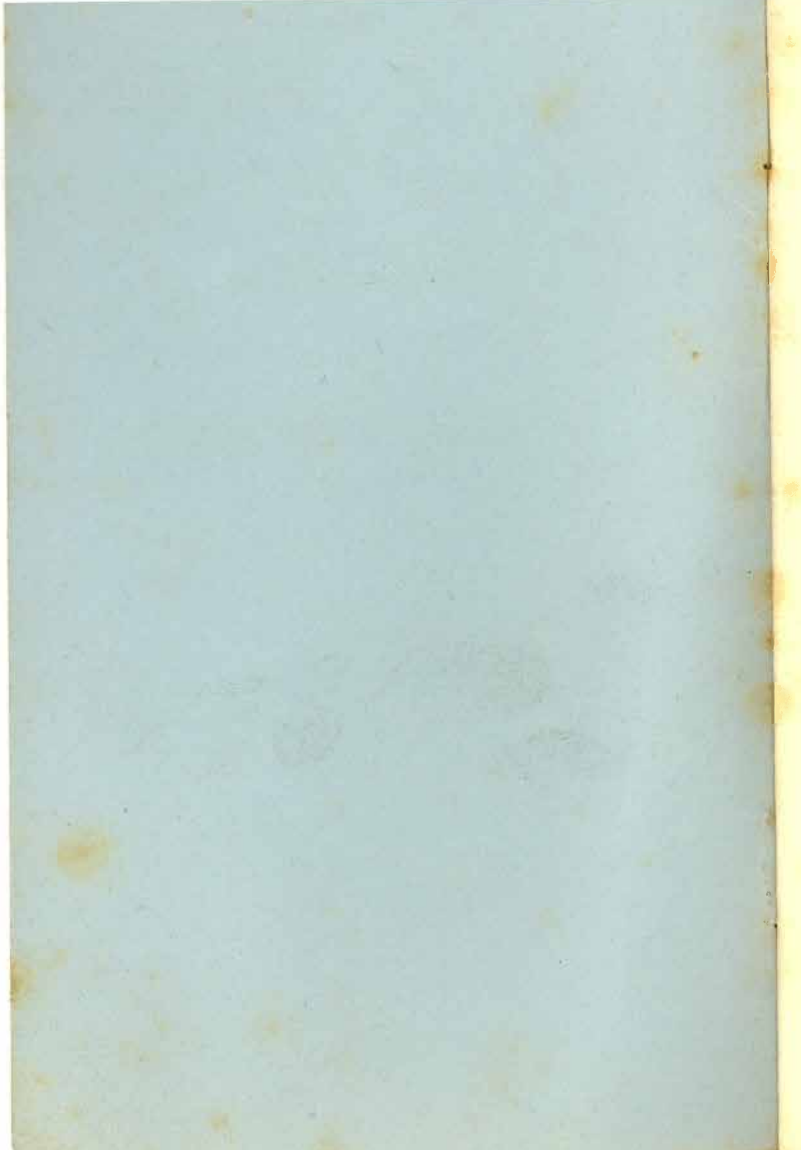
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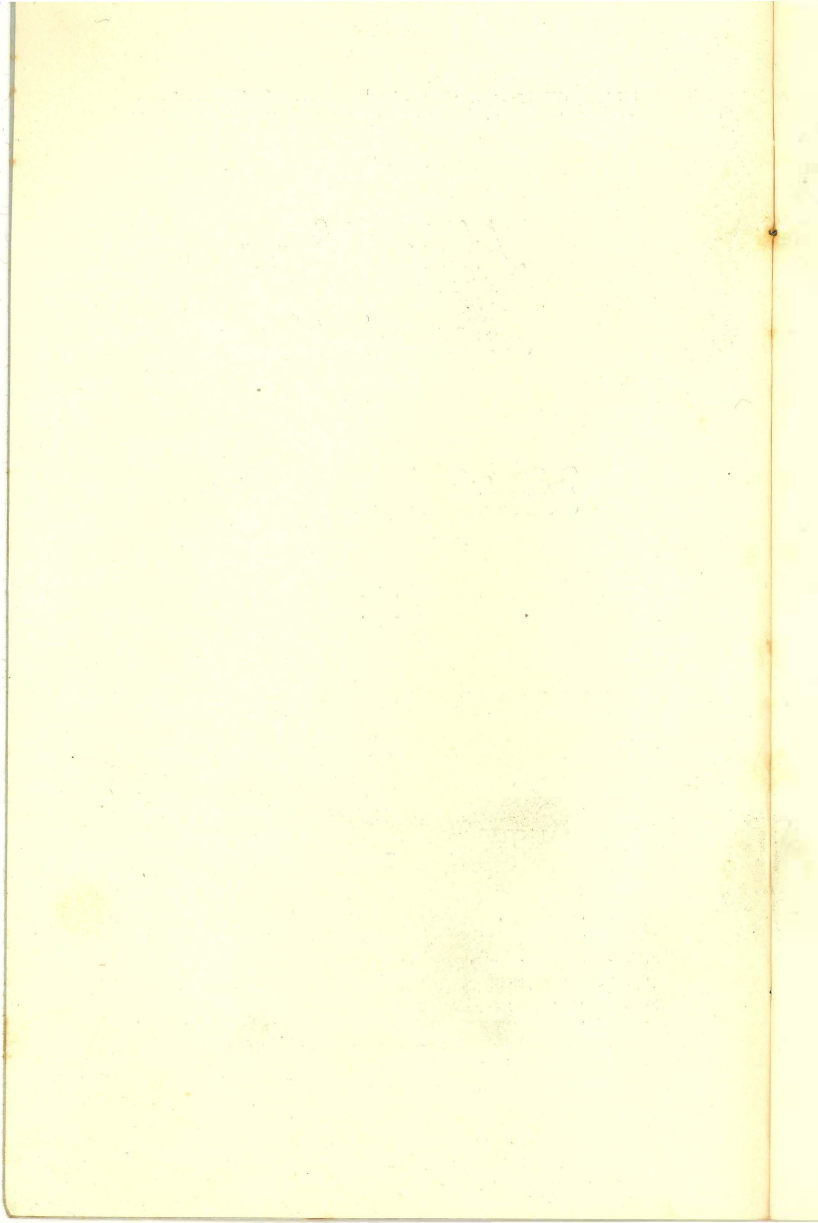
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FRIDAY

Association convened on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1952, and the two following days, August 22-23-24.

Assembled at the church house with the delegates and messengers, brothers and sisters, singing Zion's songs.

1. Elder Wallace Calhoun introduced the service and offered prayer. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Everette Daniels, from the 2nd chapter of 2nd Timothy, 19th verse, "The foundation of God stand sure, having this seal the Lord knows them that are His."

2. The delegation and corresponding messengers assembled at the school house for the business part of the association and heard a wonderful exhortation by Elder Alonzo Wright. Prayer by Elder Johnnie King, which we feel was accepted by the good Lord. Then the presiding moderator, Elder Johnnie King, took charge and the rules of decorum were read by Elder Alex Stephens. The moderator advised a strict compliance to same.

3. By motion and second the moderator appoint committee, to-wit: Brother John Henry Baldrige, Brother Jim Wallen, together with the county officers, to see that peace and order be kept while the association is in session.

4. By motion and second committee appointed to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order, to-wit: Elder Bert Conn, Elder Ira Fields and Brother Richard Wills.

5. By motion and second that we seat transient ministers of our faith, to-wit: Elder Alonzo Wright, Elder Tommie Dalton, Elder John Brown, Elder Winfry Meeks, Elder Glenn Arrowood, Elder Delmon Stanley, Elder Ira Berry.

6. Called for letters and delegates from the churches composing New Hope Association, and received as follows, to-wit:

Prestonsburg—Eld. Alex Stephens, Bro. Bill Nelson, Bro. Jerman Miller.

Little Rock—Bro. T. R. Prater, Bro. Bill Hale, Bro. J. B. Bays.

East Point—Eld. Paris Music, Eld. J. D. Music, Bro. Clarence Price.

Chestnut Grove—Eld. Cleveland Adams, Bro. Milt Holbrooks, Bro. Mander Manuel.

Little Ella—Eld. Frank McGuire, Eld. Haskel Back, Bro. Stone R. Walters.

New Hope—Eld. Wallace Calhoun, Bro. Richard Wills, Bro. John Henry Baldridge.

Cynthia Ann—Eld. Johnnie King, Bro. Bill Spears, Bro. Lowell Adkins.

Clear Creek—Eld. Verman Hall, Eld. Jack Moore, Eld. Wayne McCarty.

Little Union—Eld. Earnest Ward, Eld. Everette Daniels, Bro. Bill Daniels.

New Life—Eld. Bert Conn, Bro. John Burchett, Bro. W. M. Boyd.

Easter—Eld. Ollie Walters, Bro. Bud Ratliff, Bro. Chester Allen.

Little Dove—Eld. Ira Fields, Bro. Bruce Blair, Bro. Jim McSerley.

7. Call for new churches. None responded.

8. By motion and second the delegates cast their vote for officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: Moderator, Elder Johnnie King; Assistant Moderator, Frank McGuire; Clerk, Bro. John Burchett; Assistant Clerk, Elder Alex Stephens.

9. Called for correspondent letters and messengers, and received as follows:

Paint Union—By Eld. B. C. Ferguson, Eld. F. F. Rigsby, Eld. L. T. Preston. Letter read and received and messengers seated, by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Tri-State Zion—By Eld. Leonard Walters, Eld. Lafe Preston. Letter read and received and messengers seated, by Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Mt. Zion—By Eld. D. D. Ritchie, Eld. Watson Ritchie, Eld. Frank Williams. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator, giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Iron Hill—By Eld. Sandy Phillips, Eld. Paul E. Turner, Eld. Lonnie Murray. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator, giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem—By Eld. Kenneth Lycans, Eld. Flem Arrowood. Letter read and received and messengers seated by Moderator, giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Blaine Union—By Eld. J. T. Bailey, Eld. R. A. Fannin, Eld. Jarret Cordle. Letter read and received. Messengers seated by Moderator, giving them the right hand of fellowship.

10. By motion and second that we adopt query offered by Little Dove church that we receive no more regular Baptist other than experience and baptism.

11. By request of Easter church we publish F. F. Smith in disorder.

12. Motion and second that we send letters and messengers to the above named associations and appoint brethren to write them, to-wit:

Paint Union—Bro. John Burchett.

Iron Hill—Eld. Paris Music.

Tri-State Zion—Eld. Ira Fields.

Mt. Zion—Eld. Alex Stephens.

Bethlehem—Eld. Frank McGuire.

Blaine Union—Eld. Earnest Ward.

13. Appointed on Bill of Arrangements, to-wit: Eld. Frank McGuire, Eld. Vernon Hall, Eld. Earnest Ward, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Motion and second we adjourn until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow, it being Saturday, August 23, 1952.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. We, the delegates and messengers, assembled at the school house, singing Zion's songs. Elder

Sandy Phillips gave a wonderful exhortation. Eld. Johnnie King offered prayer.

2. Roll call by the Clerk, and a quorum was present.

3. Bill of Arrangements read, by motion and second was received, and committee discharged.

4. Correspondent letters that were prepared for reading, and appointing messengers to bear them. Letter to Paint Union Association was read by the Clerk; then came Eld. L. T. Preston asking to speak, and the question arose concerning women in the church having short hair, and the manner in which New Hope Association held their communions, and the way instructions were given to all concerned. No agreement could be reached, and correspondent letters were called for and returned to messengers who bore them, and all walked out because we (New Hope Association) held strictly to Bible teachings.

5. By motion and second, church or member that we have been in correspondence with, that we receive them providing they are in order with their association or church.

6. Our next union meeting will be held with the East Point church, East Point, Johnson county, Ky., to convene on Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1953, and the two following days. Elder Johnnie King, Elder Wallace Calhoun, Elder Jack Moore shall attend it.

7. Our next conference meeting will be held with Clear Creek church, Hi Hat, Floyd county, Ky., to convene on Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1953, and the two following days. Elder Paris Music, Elder Earnest Ward, Elder Bert Conn shall attend it.

By order of New Hope Association that our ministers preach only with our correspondence, and this consists of New Hope Association.

8. Report of our last conference meeting held with Easter church, Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, Ky., which convened on Friday at 1:00 o'clock before the second Saturday in July, 1952, and the two following days. Delegates unanimous-

ly agreed that the Easter church shall have our next association to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1953, and the two following days.

9. Be it understood and to advise the people there will be a memorial meeting held in the Akers Cemetery at Hi Hat, Floyd county, Ky., on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Every one is invited to attend.

Andy Brown and all concerned.

10. Treasury Report—Bro. John Burchett, Treasurer.

Balance from last year\$ 46.64

Contributions to date 73.00

Total.....\$119.64

11. Motion and second that we have 700 copies of the present minutes printed and the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same to the several churches.

12. Elder. Wallace Calhoun to preach the introductory sermon at our next association, with Elder Vernon Hall as alternate.

13. By voice of the delegates, Elder Wallace Calhoun will introduce tomorrow, Sunday, August 24, Elder Bert Conn preach, Elder Johnnie King preach and close.

14. The present minutes were read by the Clerk, and by motion and second were received as the two days work of the New Hope Association.

15. We tender our thanks to the brothers and sisters of the New Hope church and the good neighbors for the courtesies shown to our brothers and sisters and our correspondent brothers and sisters. May the good Lord bless all of you in your undertakings.

16. Elder Johnnie King gave a wonderful exhortation and Elder Ira Fields offered prayer, then we sang an old-time song, giving each other

a good old-time handshake as a token of our love, and asking the good Lord to bless our coming together tomorrow, it being Sunday.

Signed by order of New Hope Association.

ELD. JOHNNIE KING, Mod.

ELD. FRANK McGUIRE, Asst. Mod.

BRO. JOHN BURCHETT, Clerk.

BRO. ALEX STEPHENS, Asst. Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING

We, the New Hope Association, met at 9:30 o'clock, August 24, 1952, at the church house and a large congregation attended.

Elder Wallace Calhoun introduced; prayer by Elder Earnest Ward. Then came Elder Bert Conn and preached from 16th chapter and 18th verse of St. Matthew: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Then came Elder Johnnie King and preached and closed from 78th chapter Psalms, and 25th verse, "Man did eat angel's food, he sent them meat to the full." The brethren were blessed so wonderful in preaching, and we, the New Hope Church, pray that the good neighbors will take heed to what they have heard today.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

Elder Jack Moore	Price, Ky.
Elder William Hall	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens	Prestonsburg, Ky.
Elder A. B. Dixon	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Frank McGuire	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth	Bonanza, Ky.
Elder John D. Music	East Point, Ky.
Elder Paris Music	Auxier, Ky.
Elder Wayne McCarty	Wheelwright, Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson	Ashland, Ky.
Elder Ollie Walters	Jeffersonville, Ky.

Elder Ernest Ward	Garrett, Ky.
Elder Johnnie King	Harold, Ky.
Elder Vernon Hall	McDowell, Ky.
Elder Haskel Back	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Nero Whittaker	Brainard, Ky.
Elder Wallace Calhoun	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Ira Fields	Allen, Ky.
Elder Jim Fields	Allen, Ky.
Elder Everett Daniels	Garrett, Ky.
Elder Woodford Tabor	Jeffersonville, Ky.
Elder Bert T. Conn	Dana, Ky.
Elder M. F. Blanton	Langley, Ky.

OBITUARY

A Sad Heart

Ray Earl Williams, born Sept. 24, 1934, deceased Feb. 3, 1952, 17 years, 4 months, 12 days of age, had cancer for two years and was the son of Early and Josie Williams. He would often have us go and get Elder Alex Stephens to have church for him and have his grandmother read the Bible to him, and would tell his neighbors about the sweet home he was goint to where there be no sick. He told us there were two little angels come in the night and be around his bed.

Sleep on, darling, we will meet again.

—By Mother.

OBITUARY

A short sketch of the life of Sister Josephine (Hale) Webb, wife of Bill Webb, and daughter of Bill Hale, 37 years old. Member of United Baptist church (Little Rock) for 12 years. Badly afflicted with tuberculosis. Never failed to attend church when able. She leaves her husband and three children to mourn her loss. We have hopes her loss is heaven's gain. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord for they do rest from their labor and their works do follow them. Funeral by her brothers in the Lord, Elder Everette Daniels, Elder Wallace Calhoun, Elder Alex Stephens.

OBITUARY



It is with a sad and broken heart that I try to write this obituary of my sister, Dolle Witten. She was born Sept. 27, 1877, deceased June 27, 1952. She was married to Linzie Hunt and unto this union were born seven children. Her husband and one child preceded her in death. Then she was married to James Witten, who preceded her in death. She leaves one sister, four brothers and six children, and a host of friends, to mourn her loss. She was a member of the United Baptist church for 22 years. Her doors were always open to the church people. By the grace of God I expect to live with her again where we won't have to part. I have hopes my loss is heaven's gain.

—Written by her only sister, Sarah Tackett

OBITUARY

With much sadness I try to write an obituary of my husband, to wit: Bee Compton, born March

30, 1884, deceased Feb. 23, 1952, making his stay on earth 67 years, 10 months, 25 days. He was married to Nannie Dye and had five children. She and one child preceded him in death, then he married Alice Newsome and they had one child. He had the pleasure of seeing her come to the church, also his oldest daughter belongs to the church. He was a member and a deacon of the United Baptist church for many years. By the grace of God I expect to meet him again, and won't have to part any more. My home is very lonesome but that is all I have to worry about. He often told me all the flowers he wanted after death was his brothers and sisters to come around his casket and that was done. His funeral will be preached the third Saturday and Sunday in March, 1953. Elder Johnnie King, Elder Bert Conn and Elder Vernon Hall were requested by him to preach. Gone but not forgotten.

—Written by his broken-hearted wife, Alice Compton, and Margarette Boyd.

OBITUARY

With sad hearts we try to write a short note of our dear sister, Nannie Miller. She was born January 20, 1890, died May 4, 1951. She joined the United Baptist church August 2, 1918, and lived faithful until death. We hope to meet her again, where we will not part.

Written by her brothers and sisters, Milt Holbrook, J. C. Holbrook, Anna Hale and Dollie Bays.

OBITUARY

With sad hearts we try to write a short sketch of my wife, Daisy Compton, age 46 years. She joined the United Baptist church Sept. 17, 1949, and lived a Christian life until death. She leaves her husband and seven children to mourn her death. The church misses her, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her husband, P. S. Compton, and Frank McGuire.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

Names of Churches	Delegates
Prestonsburg.....	Eld. Alex Stephens, Bro. Bill Jerome Miller
Little Rock.....	Bro. J. B. Bayes, Bro. Bill Hal Prater
Chestnut Grove....	Bro. Mander Manuel, Bro. Milt Eld. Paris Music, Eld. J. D. Clarence Price
East Point.....	Eld. Ira Fields, Bro. Bruce Bl McSerley
Little Dove.....	Eld. Ollie Walters, Bro. Chester Ratliff
Easter.....	Eld. Vernon Hall, Bro. Jack Wayne McCarty
Clear Creek.....	Eld. Johnnie King, Bro. Bill Lcwell Adkins
Cynthia Ann.....	Eld. Bert Conn, Bro. W. M. Boy Burchett
New Life.....	Eld. Wallace Calhoun, Bro. R. Fro. Jim Wallen
New Hope.....	Eld. Frank McGuire, Bro. Sto Bro. C. F. Compton
Little Ella.....	Eld. Everett Daniels, Eld. Earne Bill Daniels
Little Union.....	Totals.....

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Died	Total	Foot Washing Time
Nelson, Bro.	5	0	0	0	1	0	42	4th Sun. in July
ale, Bro. T. R.	0	0	0	1		4	62	2nd Sun. in July
t Holbrook ..	0	0	2	0	0	0	106	4th Sun. in June
Music, Bro.	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	2nd Sun. in June
lair, Bro. Jim	6	0	0	1	1	0	66	3rd Sun. in June
er Allen, Bud	2	0	0	0	3	0	39	2nd Sun. in July
k Moore, Eld.	1	0	0	0	1	0	58	4th Sun. in June
Spears, Bro.	0	0	0	0	1	2	56	3rd Sun. in July
oyd, Bro. John	4	1	0	0	1	0	100	2nd Sun. in Aug.
Richard Wills,	4	0	0	0	3	2	63	1st Sun. in Aug.
toner Walters,	7	0	1	0	1	1	46	3rd Sun. in July
est Ward, Bro.	2	1	0	1	2	0	46	1st Sun. in July
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OBITUARY

A Pleasing Story. A Dear Old Father.

Henry Clay Stephens, Sr., age 82 years, seven months, 7 days, father of Eld. Alex Stephens. He is greatly missed by neighbors and friends, and his wife, Alice Risner Stephens, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren. Father was a faithful Bible reader, joined the church and was baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, many years ago. Jesus said, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, so dear wife and children, live the life of Jesus and we can meet dad where there will be no more parting. Funeral conducted by Elder Wallace Calhoun.

—Written by his son, Elder Alex Stephens.

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Christ Jesus, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government.

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent in the Association who shall be members they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2 In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing and minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communica-

tions among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in the union who shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on the same subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the Rules of Decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprov-
ed by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The Rules of Decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the Heaven and the earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His Church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 5. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible Word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the Gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true Gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

